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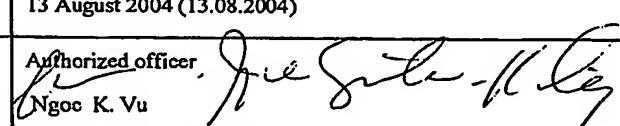
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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

 This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description:
pages 1-14 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:
pages 17 as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages 15-16/1, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:
pages 1-6 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE
 the claims, Nos. NONE
 the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-21</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-21</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-21</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-21 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Thibadeau et al (US 5,565,909 A).

Regarding claims 1-21, Thibadeau discloses a set-top receiver (see figure 16) including a processor or comparator (see figure 16), which is encoded at least with its own geographic location. The receiver is coupled to an input means enabling the location to be changed. The position of the receiver is used by the associated information processor to determine the relevance of broadcast information which it receives, wherein this information includes emergency information notices. Broadcasted information contains location information. This location information is used to filter out message whose relevance is determined, at the option of the end user, to be of no interest. The information can be prioritized based upon distance, and displayed, or stored or otherwise processed preferentially as a function of priority. The processor defines polygons around a point, distance from points to automate the geographic definitions and priorities. The intersection of polygons or polygons and points, as determined by the data processor, determines whether particular information is selected or ignore. Thibadeau further discloses that when the processor has a stored location selection, which can default to a selection based on the location of the receiver, and which can included or be replaced by any selection made from user input. The region intersection with the appropriate region is computed. If the intersection is empty, which handles the processing of "non-interesting" message, if the intersection is non-empty, the message is designated as "interesting". Having defined regions and/or points, the processor compares them in the same coordinate systems in order to determine whether the transmission location data and the selection data intersect (see col. 3, line 36 to col. 15, line 54).

Claims 1-21 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE